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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION JAKARTA, BANGKOK, MANILA, SEOUL, TOKYO, HONG KONG, INFO CINCPAC, CG EIGHT ARMY SEOUL, PRES NDU, CMDT NWC WASHDC FROM STATE FEB 13:

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT TO EAST ASIA, APRILMAY 1976

1. THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE (NWC), IN PLANNING ITS 1976 OVERSEAS FIELD STUDIES, REQUESTS PERMISSION TO VISIT THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIESS DURING THE PERIOD 24 APRIL TO 8 MAY 1976:

PLACE ETA (LOCAL) ETD (LOCAL

GROUP A

 HONOLULU
 1705 24 APR
 1400 25 APR

 MANILA
 2205 26 APR
 0840 30 APR

 JAKARTA
 1500 30 APR
 1725 3 MAY

 BANGKOK
 2130 3 MAY
 1330 7 MAY

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THIS ITINERARY IS NOT OPTIMUM BUT IS LIMITED BY AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS BETWEEN POINTS TO BE VISITED.

GROUP B

HONOLULU 1705 24 APR 1400 25 APR TOKYO 1755 26 APR 0830 30 APR

SEOUL 1050 30 APR 1415 4 MAY HONG KONG 1755 4 MAY 1015 8 MAY

BROUP B ITINERARY BASED ON ALL COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION.

- 2. PURPOSE OF THE VISITS IS TO COMPLETE STUDY OF KEY ISSUES IN THE FORMULATION AND CONDUCT OF NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY. GROUPS HAVE IN PAST MET WITH TOP CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP, US MISSION CHIEFS, AND FREQUENTLY WITH HEAD OF STATE, IN ORDER TO RECEIVED AUTHORITATIVE FIRSTHAND IMPRESSIONS OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL, MILITARY, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND OTHER ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTRY AND REGION. ALTHOUGH FIELD STUDY CONCEPT THIS YEAR EMPHASIS A LOWER PROFILE AND MORE INTENSE FOCUS ON PREPARATION OF "ISSUE" PAPERS, NWC ATTACHES CONTINUING IMPORTANCE TO TOP-LEVEL MEETINGS WITH MISSION, AND WITH HOST COUNTRY PERSONNEL WHENEVER POSSIBLE; THESE ARE OF INESTIMABLE VALUE TO THE STUDENTS AND NWC HOPES THEY WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO BE OF ADVANTAGE TO US MISSIONS.
- 3. VISITS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THEATER CLEARANCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED FROM CINCPAC. VISITS HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES, WHICH WILL NOT CONDUCT INDEPENDENT OVERSEAS VISITS THIS YEAR. GROUP INTENDS TO TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT OR MILITARY AIRLIFT WHERE AVAILABLE.
- 4. NWC TRIP GROUP A WILL CONSIST OF FIVE STUDENTS AND TWO FACULTY MEMBERS AND TRIP GROUP B OF 10 STUDENTS AND ONE FACULTY MEMBER. RANK LEVEL WILL BE GS-15, GS-16, FSO-3 UNCLASSIFIED

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AND LTC/COL. THE FIELD STUDY DIRECTOR FOR GROUP A WILL BE COL. KEITH O'KEEFE, USMC, TELEPHONE (202) 693-8491/8492 AND FOR GROUP B COL. JACK CALLAWAY, USA, TELEPHONE (202) 693-8490.

5. EMBASSIES WILL BE REQUESTED TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGE-MENTS FOR THE VISIT AND COORDINATION OF THE PROGRAM, I.E., OFFICIAL VISITS, BRIEFINGS, BILLETING AND SOCIAL ASPECTS, WITH FIELD STUDY EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EACH EMBASSY WILL BE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENTS FOR THE VISITING NWC GROUP WITH TOP OFFICIALS INCLUDING, WHEN SUITABLE, CHIEF OF STATE, PRIME MINISTER, AND/OR OTHERS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. IT IS NOTED THAT PERSONNEL ARE SELECTED TO ATTEND THE NWC ON THE BASIS OF SUPERIOR PAST PERFORMANCE AND OUTSTANDING FUTURE POTENTIAL AT THE COMMAND AND/OR POLICYMAKING LEVEL OF THE GOVERNMENT.

6. SOME NEARBY POSTS MAY BE ASKED TO SEND REPRESENTATATIVES TO HOST EMBASSIES TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWPOINTS.
SIMILAR BRIEFINGS IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL.
MISSIONS WILL BE INFORMED LATER AS TO THIS POSSIBILITY.

7 EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THEIR PROJECT OFFICERS, WITH INFO COPY TO COMMANDANT, NWC, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN COUNTRY PROJECT OFFICER AND NWC FIELD STUDY EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS REQUESTED.

8. LETTER TO CHIEF OF MISSION WILL AMPLIFY CHANGES IN FIELD STUDY EMPHASIS AND LETTER FROM NWC FIELD STUDY DIRECTORS TO PROJECT OFFICER WILL INITIATE DISCUSSION OF PREFERRED SCHEDULE ARRANGEMENTS.

9. REQUEST EMBASSY/CON GEN CONCURRENCES IN VISIT, OR COMMENTS, AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE WITH COMMANDANT, NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, D.C. AS INFO ADDRESSEE ON ALL TRAFFIC. FURTHER REQUEST YOU SEEK HOST GOVERNMENT APPROVAL IF VISIT IN YOUR JUDGEMENT POSES NO PROBLEM. UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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